

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JOE BARNETT**, on January 26, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Joe Barnett, Chairman (R)  
Rep. John L. Holden, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Paul Clark (D)  
Rep. Rick Dale (R)  
Rep. Bill Eggers (D)  
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro (D)  
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)  
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)  
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Rep. Rick Jore (R)  
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)  
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)  
Rep. Sam Rose (R)  
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Bob Story (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)  
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Ralph Lenhart, Vice Chairman (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Joyce Bankhead, Committee Secretary  
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 232 and HB 307 1/19/99

Executive Action: HB 195, tabled as amended  
HB 217, DO PASS  
HB 218, DO PASS  
HB 219, DO PASS  
HB 221, DO PASS as amended  
HB 232, DO PASS as amend  
HB 307, DO PASS

**HEARING ON HB 232**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

Rep. Rose opened hearing last Tuesday 1/19/99.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

None today. Proponents were heard last Tuesday 1/19/99.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

NONE.

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

NONE.

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

Rep. Rose closed the Hearing of HB 232, with amendments on clarifying the registration of commercial feeds.

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**HEARING ON HB 307**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

Rep. John Holden, HD 86, explained the bill that would establish a toll-free farm crisis hotline.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

Sharon Kindle, Past President of WIFE

**EXHIBIT** (agh20a01) **EXHIBIT** (agh20a02)

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Written testimony submitted by Donald Taylor **EXHIBIT** (agh20a03)

Esther Ruud **EXHIBIT**(agh20a04)

Dale E. Pfau **EXHIBIT**(agh20a05)

Gladys Edwards **EXHIBIT**(agh20a06)

Mary Schuler **EXHIBIT**(agh20a07)

Carol Lambert **EXHIBIT**(agh20a08)

Charlotte Marshall

**EXHIBIT**(agh20a09)

Louise Halverson **EXHIBIT**(agh20a10)

Sharon Hawk, MT Catholic Conference

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Written testimony submitted by Betty Waddell, MT Assoc. of  
Churches **EXHIBIT**(agh20a11)

Bob Stephens, MT Grain Growers Assn.

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John Youngberg, MT Farm Bureau also for John Bloomquist, MT  
Stockgrowers

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Mike Murphy, MT Water Assn.

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John Mundinger, MT Stockgrowers, Mt. Assn. State Grazing, & MT  
Public Lands Council

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**Opponents' Testimony:**

NONE

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

Rep. Galvin-Halcro, Ryan, Guggenheim, and Adams to Ralph Peck.

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Rep. Barnett to Sharon Kindle

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Rep. Jackson and Barnett to Ralph Peck

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Rep. Holden

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

Rep. Holden closed HB 307.

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 232**

**Motion:** REP. HOLDEN moved HB 232 DO PASS.

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**Motion:** REP. ROSE moved that HB 232 BE AMENDED.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.9 - 5.7}***

**Discussion:** Rep. Rose and Todd Everts amendments explanation.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.7 - 7.1}***

**Vote:** Motion to amend HB 232 carried unanimously 20-0.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.1 - 7.8}***

**Motion/Vote:** REP. ROSE moved that HB 232 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

**Discussion:** Rep. Story, Rose, Thomas, and Barnett.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.8 - 10.3}***

**Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 with Jore voting no.

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 217**

**Motion:** REP. ROSE moved that HB 217 DO PASS.

**Discussion:** Rep. Adams, Rose, Story, Clark, Barnett, Dale.  
Todd Everts also adds informational statement.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 10.7 - 18.2}***

**Vote:** Motion carried 18-2 with Adams and Jore voting no.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.2 - 18.5}***

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB218

Motion/Vote: REP. RYAN moved that HB 218 DO PASS. Motion carried 18-2 with Adams and Jore voting no.

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.5 - 19.1}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 219

Motion/Vote: REP. GALVIN-HALCRO moved that HB 219 DO PASS. Motion carried 18-2 with Adams and Jore voting no.

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.1 - 19.6}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 221

Motion: REP. TREXLER moved that HB 221 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. TREXLER moved that HB 221 BE AMENDED.

Discussion: Rep. Trexler explained amendments.

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Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion/Vote: REP. TREXLER moved that HB 221 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion carried 19-1 with Jore voting no.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 195

Rep. Cobb, sponsor, explained the amendments to HB 195.

**EXHIBIT**(agh20a12)

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Motion: REP. HOLDEN moved that HB 195 DO PASS.

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Motion: REP. LINDEEN moved DO Pass on amendments on HB 195.

Discussion: Rep. Rose, Story, Barnett, Mascolo, Clark, and Thomas.

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Vote: Motion carried 20-0.

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.3 - 11.6}*

Motion: REP. MASOLO moved that HB 195 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

**Discussion:** Rep. Jackson, Thomas, and Ryan.

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**Motion:** REP. RYAN moved to amend date to 2004 instead of 2006.

**Vote:** Motion carried 20-0.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.6 - 15.2}***

**Motion:** REP. LINDEEN moved that HB 195 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

**Discussion:** Rep. Dale and Adams.

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**Substitute Motion/Vote:** REP. MASOLO made a substitute motion that HB 195 BE TABLED. Substitute motion carried 19-1 with Jackson voting no.

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 307**

**Motion:** REP. ROSE moved that HB 307 DO PASS.

**Discussion:** Rep. Jore, Ryan, Guggenheim, Galvin-Halcro, and Rose. Mike Murphy, former administrator at Dept. of Ag, gave informational testimony. More discussion by Rep. Thomas, Jackson, Dale, Clark, Masolo, Guggenheim, Smith, Trexler, Barnett, and Adams. Lindeen asked for roll call vote.

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**Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 8 with Reps. Adams, Clark, Jackson, Jore, Masolo, Story, Trexler, Barnett voting no.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:47 P.M.

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REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman

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JOYCE BANKHEAD, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (agh20aad)